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ST. LUCIE'S VALUATION

YOU WILL NOTICE the article published elsewhere in this issue showing the assessed valuation of the different counties in the State you will note St. Lucie is not the lowest by a long shot, although the poorest of the Indian River. When the county was created and incorporated in old Stewart, no tax was put on it, thus there was not enough revenue to allow sufficient taxes to be levied on a county government without causing the people to leave. Very little of the country was then or even now developed, and we stand ahead of twelve counties in the state. This last, which is pretty nearly correct, shows that St. Lucie comes with \$1,110,000 valuation in ahead of Baker, Calhoun, Citrus, Clay, Franklin, Hernando, Holmes, Liberty, Okaloosa, Pasco, Sumter and Wakulla counties, and a dozen or Stewart, Madison, Marion, Lee, Manatee and Monroe counties. In a safe estimate three years hence St. Lucie county will double her present valuation and lead many of the counties which are now ahead of her.

There is no getting around the fact that this is the coming country and is making headway with rapid strides. In about half a half year since the creation of the county this section has grown wonderfully. New lands are being farmed every day by new settlers who realize the possibilities of the soil. It only depends on our ability to attract the attention of the housekeepers.

CITY TELEGRAPH OFFICE.

ONE OF THE things that The News has hammered at during the past year is the establishment of a city telegraph office independent of the railway company. At first no business was handled through the same office, and the railroad business, which is all done by right of way, at times swelling out and commanding too much of the traffic. We have urged this matter along this line by the Board of Trade, stating that there was plenty of business here to warrant the installation of a separate office for the transportation of commercial messages.

During the past week this matter has been taken up again and this time in a way that will insure at least a hearing before the proper authorities. Last Saturday a petition was drawn up and circulated by Col. T. J. O'Brien. The signers include everybody in town who has business interests. On the front page we published the body of the petition with the names up to date.

This is a matter that should interest all, for all will be benefited by its establishment. If you have not signed in, do so to Mr. O'Brien and your name with the others.

WE PUBLISH today an open letter from Senator Wm. A. Bryan to Editor Frank E. Hayes, of the "Daily Standard," however in a column which appeared in this paper about three weeks ago, and copied in several papers, among them The News. We publish Senator Bryan's letter through a spirit of fairness because we published the criticism. Arbitrarily it crossed the line in the chamber, but if he serves in that high office, everything he will act need be a little thing like being impeached. His dignity won't mind long if he goes off so easily.

THE AUTOMOBILE RACE from Jacksonville to Miami is being talked of everywhere, and the participating car is scarce. This car, driven by a sportsman who delights in rough trips, will mark out the route for the cars in the race. There will be many stories in the run and all cars will stop in Fort Pierce for one night. The citizens of Fort Pierce will give a ride to the driver of the car which makes the quickest time from Jacksonville to this point. More than fifty dollars has been subscribed to the prize fund and a matching handame will be given.

DUNCAN C. FLETCHER is beginning to open his eyes to the other conditions for the United States Senate and when he gets fairly started on the campaign votes will fall over to his side by the hundreds. Even his political enemies, who do not want to see him elected, concede that his position can be said against him as a man or as a public official. So, as he is our choice for the best office within the grip of the people, that of U. S. Senator.

THE EDITOR of the Cocoa and Rockledge News, as the editor of The Fort Pierce News, says there is no sense fishing and hunting that he will mention the two. You think of it. They are half. Why, man alive, when the mackerel are running here we don't think of salt, and if we did we would not care so much time putting it on the hook. No, thank you, we don't want to care for any.

WE WOULD LIKE those who have subscribed to the prize fund to have a committee to select the prizes.

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For real estate you hereby notify and re-

quest payment of claims and demands which

you or either of you may have against the estate of T. C. Bass deceased, late of St. Lucie County,

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Done November 22, 1907.

WALTER J. BASS
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